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ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS, TREASURER

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

STREET COMMISSIONER

AND

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

OF THE

Town of Hermon

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending March 1, 1927



**BANGOR
JORDAN-FROST PRINTING CO.**

1927

TOWN OF HERMON

Incorporated 1814

Population 1210

TOWN OFFICERS

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE
POOR

R. T. Luce R. E. Littlefield G. F. Lawrence

Town Clerk and Treasurer.....E. N. Grant

Street Commissioner.....~~G. A. Homstead~~

R. H. Butler

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

C. H. Grant

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

P. R. Webber Volney Hawes A. Linnis Snow

BOARD OF HEALTH

C. O. Hunt Alfred Overlock Olin Andrews

LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER

A. Linnis snow

WARRANT

Penobscot ss.

State of Maine

To Claude W. Kimball, a Constable of the town of Hermon,
in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Hermon, qualified by law to vote in the Town affairs to assemble at the Grange Hall, on Monday, the fourteenth day of March, A. D., 1927, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the town report as printed.

Article 4. To elect three or more Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor.

Article 5. To elect one member of S. S. Committee.

Article 6. To elect a Town Treasurer.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to have one or more Road Commissioners.

Article 8. To see if the town will elect one or more Road Commissioners.

Article 9. To elect one or more Road Commissioners.

Article 10. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for the support of Schools, the repair of Roads and

Bridges, Support of Poor, Contingent Expenses, School Books, Repair of School Houses, School Incidentals, Improvements of Cemeteries and memorial expenses.

Article 11. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise for free High School.

Article 12. To fix the compensation of Tax Collector, S. S. Committee, Town Treasurer and Road Commissioner.

Article 13. To elect a Tax Collector, three Constables, and all other necessary town officers.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to elect one or more fire wardens, one of which will be designated as fire Inspector and fix compensation for services.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in section 19, Chapter 23 of the revised Statutes of 1916.

Article 16. To see if the town will raise the sum of five hundred thirty-three dollars, (\$533.) for the improvement of the section of State Aid Road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commissioner, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of highways and bridges, as provided in Section 18, Chapter 25 of the revised Statutes of 1916.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to an increase of the State Aid as provided in Section 21, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916 as amended by Section 5 of Chapter 25 of Public Laws of 1917.

Article 18. To see what sum of money the town will appropriate and raise to entitle the town an increase of State Aid as provided in Section 21, Chapter 25 of the Revised Statutes of 1916, as amended by Section 5 of Chapter 258 of Public Law 1917.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to raise money and what sum for maintenance of State Highway and State Aid during the ensuing year within the limits of the town under the provisions of 9 and 18 of Chapter 130 of the Public Laws of 1913.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with approval of the Selectmen to hire money for temporary purposes.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to accept and receive under provisions of Section 13 and 14 of Chapter 20, R. S. from Eugene Bryant, one hundred dollars, (\$100.) the income from same to be used for the perpetual care of the Chas. Phillips Lot in North Hermon Cemetery.

Article 22. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to repair the Road from Brainard Hill to Union Street Road.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the assessors to abate John Bradley's taxes.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to buy lumber for snow plow.

Article 25. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise for preparing a Base Ball Diamond at No. Me. Junction on the north side of the Me. C. R. R. in connection with the B. & A. R. R.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to build a Town House.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to buy the lot adjoining the Town Lot of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and raise money for same.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to build the Town House to accommodate the High School.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to build the Town House to accommodate the High School according to the State specifications.

Article 30. To see what sum of money the town will grant and raise to build Town House.

Article 31. To see what action the town will take in building with Lynde Lodge F. and A. M.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to buy a lot to build Town House on, or High School building on and raise money for same.

Article 33. To see if the town will vote to elect a committee of three to build Town House and elect same.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to elect a committee of three to build High School building and elect same.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to sell the Town Lot or part of same as they decide and authorize Selectmen to do same.

Article 36. To see what action the Town will take in regard to housing the High School students.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to establish a four year High school and raise money for same.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the Grange Hall at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 5th day of March, A. D., 1927.

R. T. LUCE,
R. E. LITTLEFIELD,
G. F. LAWRENCE,

Selectmen of Hermon.

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE

Hermon, Maine, March 1st, 1927.

To the Taxpayers of Hermon.

Gentlemen:—In accordance with the Statute of the State, we herewith submit for your consideration, the one hundred and twelfth Annual Report of the Board of Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Treasurer, Street Commissioner and Superintendent of Schools for the year ending March 1st, 1927.

Report of Assessors

Number of Polls taxed, 324. Rate of Taxation, .047.

Number of Polls not taxed, 21. Amount assessed on each Poll, \$3.00.

VALUATION OF TOWN

Real estate, resident	\$256,090.00	
Real estate, non-resident	171,510.00	
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Total real estate		\$427,600.00
Personal estate, resident	\$68,530.00	
Personal estate, non-resident	2,570.00	
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Total personal estate		\$71,100.00
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Grand total		\$498,700.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY

	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses	242	\$60.08	\$14,540.00
Colts, 3 years	8	40.50	340.00
Colts, 2 years	53	23.33	70.00
Colts, 1 year	2	25.00	50.00
Cows	667	25.64	17,090.00
3 years old	114	20.35	2,320.00
18 mos., to 3 years	134	17.67	2,370.00
Sheep, taxable	50	5.00	250.00
Domestic Fowl	652	.77	490.00

Total amount \$37,520.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK

Under 18 mos.	192	\$10.31	\$1,980.00
Sheep, not taxable	345	5.48	1,890.00
Swine, not taxable	86	12.42	1,069.00
Domestic Fowl not taxable	4954	.68	8,299.00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade	\$5,820.00
33 Musical instruments	1,970.00
179 Automobiles	24,830.00
Other personal property	960.00

Total ~~\$32,600.00~~
Total Live Stock brought forward 37,500.00

Total	\$71,100.00
Railroad Property	\$110,770.00
Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.	10,000.00
Eastman Heater Car Co.	6,000.00
Property exempted by assessors	1,990.00

APPROPRIATIONS

Support of schools.	\$4,800.00	
Repairs of roads abd bridges.	4,500.00	
Support of poor.	2,200.00	
Contingent expenses.	1,450.00	
School books.	300.00	
Repair of School houses.	850.00	
Incidentals.	200.00	
High school.	1,200.00	
Improvements of Cemeteries.	1,000.00 100.00 ✓	
Care of Soldiers Monument and Memorial expenses.	250.00 25.00 ✓	
Maintenance of State roads.	900.00	
Smith road.	300.00	
Special Resolve road.	500.00	
<i>State Aid Road</i>	<u>1,066.00</u> ✓	
Total amount raised by town.		\$18,391.00
State tax.		\$3,866.42
County tax.		1,048.53
Overlay.		1,104.95
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		\$24,410.90
Supplemental tax.		244.54
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Total amount assessed and committed to Lester P. Patten, Collector.		\$24,665.44

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. LUCE,
R. E. LITTLEFIELD,
G. F. LAWRENCE,

Assessors of Hermon.

Report of Selectmen

MEMORIAL EXPENSES AND CARE OF SOLDIERS' MONUMENT

Raised by town		\$25.00
Paid C. W. Kimball, care of Monument		
lot	\$10.00	
Brown & White, Flags	16.00	
Gabriel Guedz "Memorial address" .	10.00	
	<hr/>	\$26.00 ³
Over-expended		<hr/> \$11.00

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Raised by town		\$100.00
Paid		
E. W. Kimball, Hermon Pond Cem..	\$20.00	
H. E. Warren, Pine Tree Cemetery .	20.00	
L. L. Glidden, No. Hermon Ceme-		
tery	30.00	
A. Linnis Snow, Snow's Cor. Ceme-		
tery	27.00	
R. E. Littlefield, Evergreen Ceme-		
tery	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$122.00
Over-expended		<hr/> \$22.00

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Hermon Pond Cemetery

Paid for Perpetual Care of Lots	Amount drawn	Amount Left in Bank
Benj. Kimball	\$4.00	\$108.27
William Crocker	4.00	111.95
Robert Swan	4.00	104.64
Parrnewas Fuller	4.00	101.99
Benj. Grant	2.00	74.50
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	\$18.00	

NORTH HERMON CEMETERY

William Small	\$4.00	\$100.34
Maria M. Nash	6.00	152.64
A. L. Newcomb	4.00	100.04
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	\$14.00	

PINE TREE CEMETERY

Perry O. Bryant	\$5.00	\$209.85
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SNOW'S CORNER CEMETERY

Paid Geo. Smith	\$4.00	\$100.92
Jacob Overlock	8.00	201.28
Enoch Leathers	4.00	100.36
Susan A. Nowell	4.00	100.38
Annie M. Alley	8.00	201.27
John McCoy	4.00	100.36
John Holmes	4.00	100.24
H. M. Sargent	4.00	100.40
Wilcox	5.00	253.72

Ella Colson	4.00	101.60
John W. Leathers	4.00	101.33
Burnice L. Kimball	4.00	101.00
Horace Stephens	4.00	99.71
John Worten	4.00	100.76
John Bryant	4.00	100.40
Robert Bryant	8.00	200.48
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		\$81.00

EVERGREEN CEMETERY

Paid

Eliza A. Garland	\$5.00	\$100.28
Wilber F. Harding	8.00	150.32
Seth K. Ames	12.00	300.00
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		\$25.00

SUPPORT OF POOR

Raised by Town	\$2,200.00	
Received from Town of Hampden	191.98	
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Total amount available		\$2,391.98
Paid out for Fred Goodspeed and Family:		
C. W. Hammond, rent	\$30.00	
R. L. Mitchell, M. D.	73.00	
N. M. Curtis, supplies	377.76	
R. T. Luce, wood	10.33	
Chas. Cobb, wood	51.00	
L. E. Goodspeed, wood	103.00	
New York Syndicate, supplies	21.63	
E. W. Bowen	3.70	
H. Banks, Bill contracted through the City of Bangor	12.00	
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Total		\$682.42

Paid out for William Mosher:

R. L. Mitchell, M. D.....	\$12.00	
C. O. Patten, Board and supplies	274.67	
	<hr/>	\$286.67

Paid out for Mrs. Adams:

L. E. Goodspeed, wood.....	\$22.00	
L. M. Gordan, Preparing same.....	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$28.00

Paid out for Lot Hall:

Town of Dexter, (Part last year) ...	\$155.17	
Mrs. Ruel Phillips, board.....	552.00	
R. L. Mitchell.....	118.00	
N. M. Curtis, supplies.....	3.80	
	<hr/>	\$828.97

Paid out for Sarah Harriman:

City of Bangor, overlock of 1925....	\$4.00	
Mrs. Ruel Phillips, board.....	520.00	
R. L. Mitchell.....	57.00	
N. M. Curtis, supplies.....	9.95	
	<hr/>	\$590.95

Paid out for Chas. Wentworth:

Mrs. Lizzie Libby, board.....	\$179.80	
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Paid out for Rufus Goodwin:

Mrs. Lizzie Libby, board.....	\$364.00	
R. L. Mitchell, M. D.....	6.00	
M. S. Purinton, M. D.....	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$376.00

Paid out for Lawton Family:

Arthur Robinson, wood.....	\$12.00	
W. H. Fletcher, supplies.....	13.00	

C. L. Crosby, supplies	197.06	
New York Syndicate	29.40	
	<hr/>	\$251.46

Paid out for Geo. Worton:

N. M. Curtis, supplies	\$4.00	
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E. W. Kimball, burial of Marion Mc- Devitt	\$10.00	
A. Linnis Snow, burial of Ed. Annis, 1924	6.00	
N. M. Curtis, Libby Paupers, sup- plies	21.48	

CARE OF TRAMPS

C. W. Kimball	\$6.14	
Mrs. Ernest Overlock	8.00	
Geo. Lawrence40	
	<hr/>	\$14.54

Total	<hr/>	\$3,280.29
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Over expended		\$888.31
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CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Raised by Town	\$1,450.00
Due from 1925 account	104.83
Burial of Olive Stavenlis	100.00
State Sheep money	144.00
Frank Grant, Hay on town land	5.00
Cash from C. W. Hewes	36.76
Lynde Lodge, F. & A. M.	26.50
Supplemental tax	244.54
Overlay	1,104.95

Walter Leonard, tax deed	21.27
R. R. and tel. tax . . . . .	.28
C. W. Kimball, Pool table license	10.00
Nellie Moore, shingles	6.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	9.00
L. E. Glidden, Tax deed	54.80
Sheep money, credited on State Tax . . .	471.00
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	\$3,788.93

Paid Jordan-Frost Printing Co., Printing

Town reports	\$101.08
V. T. Hawes, Labor on Town House chimney	3.13
R. C. Miller, Shingles for Town House	40.50
R. F. Luce, Trip to Dexter, Lott Hall case	7.50
H. A. Felker, Shingling Town House	17.00
Dillingham's, office supplies	39.45
Walter Whitherly, Labor around Tomb and Cemetery fence	7.00
A. Linnis Snow, Services as Ballot clerk	12.00
Grace Andrews, services as Ballot clerk	12.00
E. W. Kimball, services as Ballot clerk	6.00
N. W. Dodson, services as Ballot clerk	6.00
Geo. Snow, services as Ballot clerk . .	12.00
R. T. Luce, 3 trips to Bangor and Brewer, in Goodspeed case . . .	6.00
Alfred Overlock, Dog constable	20.00
C. O. Patten, Gravel used on Special Resolve	66.15
C. W. Uetz, Gravel used on Special Resolve	28.05

E. M. Clark, burial of dead horse by Health department	5.00
A. H. Miller, abatement of Walter Leonard Tax deed	12.38
R. T. Luce, trip to Bangor, to meet State assessors	3.00
M. V. Overlock, Damage to 41 sheep by dogs	229.50
L. E. Goodspeed, damage to 15 sheep by dogs	82.50
Chas. R. Clark, Glenburn, to 12 sheep by dogs	76.50
H. C. Tibbitts, damage to 3 sheep by dogs	21.00
G. H. Maloon, damage to 3 sheep by dogs	13.50
H. C. Warren, damage to 2 sheep by dogs	24.00
Louis Murray, damage to 2 sheep by dogs	24.00
John Walker, abatement on Poll . . .	3.00
M. L. Tourlott, abatement, loss by fire, 1925	14.10
E. P. Bishop, Public watering tub, 1925-26, at \$3.00	6.00
Albra Warren, avatement, land in Town of Hampden	7.05
E. I. Snow, labor in Snow's Cor. Cemetery	7.00
E. I. Snow, services, as health officers	2.00
A. L. Snow, services as S. S. Com . . .	15.00
Oscar Barber, services as Fire inspector	16.00
Oscar Barber, labor in Town House yard	3.00

R. T. Luce, services as Selectman, Assessor and Overseer of poor . .	250.00
R. E. Littlefield, same	150.00
Geo. Lawrence, same	100.00
C. H. Grant, services as Supt. of Schools	500.00
L. I. Leathers, Com. insane patient, 1924	3.00
R. T. Luce, com. insane patient, 1924	3.00
R. E. Littlefield, com. insane pat- ient, 1926	3.00
R. T. Luce, com. insane patient, 1926	3.00
E. U. Clark, and crew, moving Tele- phone poles	9.00
Bangor Harvester Co., wire for Cemetery fence	7.40
L. P. Patten, abatements, 1925	26.57
B. W. Gubtil, abatements, 1924-25 .	27.03
Patrick Crowley, abatements, Poll, paid in Bangor	3.00
Byron McLaughlin, abatements Poll, deceased	3.00
Geo. Snow, services as Truant officer	20.00
C. H. Grant, Office supplies	4.60
R. T. Luce, Office supplies and bill paid	27.90
C. O. Hunt, services as Health Offi- cer	6.00
C. N. Grant, services as Town Treas- urer	125.00
E. N. Grant, services as Town clerk and Officer's supplies	20.00
Alfred Overlock, services as Town Constable and Health Officer . .	10.00

Merrill Trust Co.
out on notes ¹⁷

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Volney Hawes, services as S. S. Com.	15.00
P. R. Webber, services as S. S. Com.	15.00
Maud Philbrick, Public watering tub.....	3.00
Frank Stewart, abatements 1925- 1926.....	43.33
Lester Patten, abatements 1925....	22.78
Rebecca Cookson, abatement, sold- iers' widow.....	4.70
Lester O. Patten, premium on 1926 commitment.....	475.00
Total.....	<hr/> \$3,041.85
Unexpended.....	<hr/> \$647.08

TABLE

	Amount Av.	Town Orders		Over-
		Drawn	Unexpended	Expended
Common Schools.....	\$8,272.86	\$8,166.88	\$105.98	.....
High School.....	2,184.94	1,711.60	473.34	.....
Text Book.....	300.00	296.78	3.22	.....
School Incidentals.....	200.00	199.86	.14	.....
School House Repairs.....	860.00	862.76	582.58	2.76
Support of Poor.....	2,391.98	3,280.29	.....	888.29
Contingent Expenses.....	3,788.93	3,041.85	747.08	.....
Roads and Bridges.....	4,500.00	4,209.16	290.84	.....
Cemeteries.....	100.00	122.00	.....	22.00
Soldiers Monument and Mem.....	25.00	36.00	.....	11.00
Smith Road.....	300.00	300.04	.....	.04
Special Resolve.....	1,000.00	1,036.42	.....	36.42
State Aid Road.....	3,454.70	3,454.70	9.80 due from State	.....
Third Class Road.....	1,842.33	1,853.80	.....	11.47
Maintenance.....	900.00	845.80 845.60	54 58.40	.....
Interest on Trust Funds.....	143.00	143.00	.....	.....
Total Town orders drawn.....		\$29,560.74		

AMOUNT DUE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1927.

Insurance on Town Hall.....	\$2,500.00
Insurance on Town Stable.....	300.00
Tax deeds.....	66.78
Outstanding taxes.....	572.52
Cash on hand.....	85.48
Dog Tax deficiency, 1925.....	124.00
H. W. Garland, hay in Snow's Cor. Cem	5.00
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Total.....	\$3,653.78

We are very glad to state that there are no outstanding Town Orders or bills against the town.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. LUCE,
R. E. LITTLEFIELD,
G. F. LAWRENCE,

Selectmen of Hermon.

Report of Treasurer

Dr.

Trust Funds	\$3,500.00
Benj. Grant Trust Fund	75.00
Cash in Treasury	183.12
Burial of Olive Stevens	100.00
State Sheep money	144.00
Tuition from Chas. Hibbard	14.00
Tuition, Town of Levant	60.00
C. W. Kimball, Pool Table license	10.00
Town of Hampden, Pauper acct.	291.98
State Pensions	192.00
Rebate, Sears Robuck & Co.	10.00
1926 commitment	24,410.90
Special Resolve Road money	480.16
State Aid Road money	2,365.31
3rd Class Road	1,821.38
State Equalization Fund	322.00
State School Fund	3,115.57
Walter Leonard Tax deed	21.27
Frank Grant, Hay on Town land	5.00
Bal. due from L. P. Patten, 1925 Com.	856.94
L. E. Glidden, Tax deed	49.79
Interest on same	5.01
Allen Carter Tax deed	9.99
Cash from C. U. Hewes, 1925 deficiency	36.76
Merrill Trust Company, notes	5,000.00
Supplemental tax	244.54
Interest on Trust Funds	143.00

Lynde Lodge, F. & A. M.....	26.50
Nellie Moore, shingles sold.....	6.00
John E. Larkin, heirs of, Tax deed.....	56.79
Cost on Inspection State Aid roads.....	64.18
Sheep money credited State Tax.....	471.00
R. R. Tel. Tax.....	.28
	<hr/> \$44,092.47

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Trust Funds.....	\$3,575.00
Allen Carter, Tax Deed and bills.....	9.99
County Tax.....	1,048.53
State Tax.....	3,866.42
Dog License deficiency 1925.....	124.00
John E. Larkin, heirs of, Tax deed.....	56.79
Merrill Trust Company, notes.....	5,000.00
State Pensions.....	192.00
T. O. Paid and returned.....	28,715.14
Due from L. O. Patten on 1926 Com.....	572.52
Cash in Treasury.....	86.48
T. O. Paid and returned.....	845.60
	<hr/> \$44,092.47

Respectfully submitted,

E. N. GRANT,

Treasurer.

LIST OF DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

Brown, Allen	\$9.28
Caine, Byron	3.94
Corners, William	3.00
Emery, Leon	3.00
Fowler, C. L.	5.35
Fairley, Otis	3.00
Glidden, L. Everett	61.45
Gardner, Elijah	12.40
Higgins, Thomas	16.04
Huntley, Geo. E.	14.10
Judkins, A. B.	19.45
Littlefield, Orin	6.29
McCarty, George	38.25
Mosher, John	18.80
Nowell, Lafe D.	3.00
Overlock, Wm. V.	35.90
Pomroy, Sumner	9.40
Robertson, Duncan	11.10
Robinson, Irving W.	65.00
Robinson, Arthur	54.05
Rezzamenta, John	4.71
Swetaer, Harry	40.60
Snow, William H.	37.60
Sawyer, Harold	3.00
Uetz, C. Wm.	8.74
Fowler, Geo. L.	8.46
Hewes, Perley	28.20
Littlefield, Leon J.	1.41
Newcomb, Clyde A.	47.00

\$572.52

Report of Road Commissioners

To the Selectmen and Tax Payers of Hermon.—

I respectfully submit the following as a true statement of the highways and expenditures for the municipal year, ending Feb. 20, 1927.

Amount raised by town \$4,500.00

SPRING SNOW WORK

Paid A. R. Casey	\$12.66
A. E. Overlock	55.33
A. T. Booker	26.65
O. W. Booker	19.00
William Bates	8.18
Harold Bates	10.67
A. P. Hopkins	18.00
Walter Witherly	15.50
E. F. Pinkham	100.00
G. A. Homsted	134.66
C. E. Goodspeed	23.16
W. D. Nowell	26.50
S. M. Webber	5.33
R. E. Littlefield	25.31
H. J. Applebee	9.83
W. D. Richardson	65.70
R. E. Clark	10.67
T. T. Dunn	47.00
M. C. Hunt	14.66
Frank Hammond	61.85
N. Fotis	4.50

Olin Andrews.....	12.16	
E. W. Bowen.....	27.66	
H. C. Warren.....	18.00	
S. P. Warren.....	3.33	
A. J. Smart.....	4.17	
R. T. Luce.....	63.00	
Henry Bryant.....	9.50	
C. F. Klatt.....	5.66	
Joseph Dunton.....	2.00	
W. W. McCarthy.....	8.00	
W. L. Worden.....	7.41	
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Total.....		\$856.05

SUMMER WORK

Paid C. M. Conant Co., culvert.....	\$52.20
R. H. Patten, services as Road Com.	25.00
H. W. Garland.....	21.00
E. W. Clark.....	30.00
C. M. Conant Co., culverts.....	16.37
R. E. Clark.....	18.00
C. M. Conant Co., culverts.....	33.84
H. W. Garland.....	4.50
F. F. Webber.....	17.50
J. C. Webber.....	15.15
G. M. Nowell.....	6.00
E. N. Clark.....	15.00
L. E. Goodspeed.....	60.00
M. F. Leathers.....	20.00
M. C. Hunt.....	18.00
C. N. Patten.....	15.00
J. R. Manning, plank.....	77.32
W. D. Nowell.....	24.00
A. J. Hatch.....	6.00
W. D. Richardson.....	33.00

E. W. Bowen	76.50
Edison Clark	19.50
A. T. Booker	1.50
Lafe Bartlett	8.00
W. H. Snow	9.00
Mrs. C. H. Moore	12.00
L. A. Bowen	10.00
F. Hammond	12.00
Geo. Emerson, gravel	27.45
C. P. Webber	9.00
Geo. Davis	3.00
C. W. Kimball	17.45
C. E. Goodspeed	46.66
R. H. Patten, services as Road com- missioner	36.00
E. L. Clark	12.00
T. T. Dunn	16.50
W. H. Harland	12.00
Morse & Co., lumber	32.88
C. M. Conant Co., cutting edge and tools	21.79
L. T. Overlock	22.33
K. L. Pomroy	19.33
H. W. Garland	15.00
R. R. Overlock	4.00
C. M. Nowell	24.67
R. E. Littlefield	23.00
A. L. Grant	11.66
T. R. Hewes	29.69
E. W. Clark	59.00
S. P. Pomroy	22.50
W. H. Garland	3.00
E. F. Pinkham	19.33
L. A. Bowen	110.00
E. H. Wentworth	15.67
E. L. Clark	22.50

K. L. Pomroy	6.00
L. T. Overlock	6.00
Geo. Allen	47.01
R. H. Patten, services as Road Com.	125.00
E. W. Bowen	74.00
G. E. Overlock	31.50
C. P. Webber	17.00
E. L. Nowell	6.00
M. L. Grant	6.00
W. J. Grant	83.36
A. J. Hatch	9.00
A. Fogg, labor and gravel	24.90
Wm. Patten, gravel	10.00
Rice & Miller, dynamite	15.40
E. L. Clark	25.50
C. W. Uetz	38.25
E. W. Clark	7.00
C. W. Kimball	159.00
A. H. Andrews	5.00
G. M. Bryant	8.60
E. W. Bowen	13.00
Charles Cobb, lumber	6.00
T. T. Dunn, gravel	13.65
Rice & Miller, dynamite	13.99
Geo. Lawrence	15.83
C. A. Philbrook	4.75
C. M. Conant Co., culvert	16.86
A. T. Booker	10.80
C. E. Goodspeed	5.00
Orrin Booker	1.00
E. L. Clark	15.00
G. E. Overlock	9.00
L. A. Bowen	45.00
C. W. Kimball	55.00
R. H. Patten, service as Road Com	50.00
H. C. Warren	25.84

H. J. Applebee	15.00
W. C. Bates	5.50
L. L. Tibbetts, gravel	6.40
Willard Richardson	9.00
T. T. Dunn	31.50
C. W. Kimball	7.00

Total summer work	\$2,372.43
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ROAD MONEY SPENT BY SELECTMEN

Paid G. E. Kimball, labor	\$9.00
Edson Clark, labor	9.00
Linwood Bowen, labor	61.22
C. W. Kimball, labor	90.00
Gardiner Overlock, labor	19.50
Vinal Robinson, gravel	3.45
R. E. Littlefield, labor	30.84
Geo. Emerson, gravel	20.55
Geo. Allen, gravel	30.90
H. A. Felker, labor	4.00
William Bates, labor	9.00
A. T. Booker, labor	4.50
W. D. Nowell, and crew, labor	138.23
Harold Bates, gravel	8.10
Geo. Daymon, labor	4.23
R. T. Luce, labor and services	38.00
T. T. Dunn, labor	13.50
H. C. Warren, labor	5.33
Herbert Snow, labor	9.00
James Bishop, labor	4.50
W. L. Worden, labor	1.50
C. E. Goodspeed, labor	15.00
W. J. Grant, labor and supplies	8.29
Grandville Nowell, labor	3.00
Claton Leathers, labor	12.00

L. M. Annis, labor	3.00
E. W. Bowen labor	6.00
Geo. Lawrence, labor	11.00
Otis Homsted, labor	5.00
Alton Snow, labor	1.50
Frank Small, labor	1.50
Arthur Nowell, labor	1.50
Irvin Nowell, labor	1.50
Edwin Smart, gravel	4.05
Moore & Company, lumber	50.08
C. M. Conant & Co., culverts	47.88
W. C. Uetz, gravel	2.25

Total	\$687.90
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WINTER WORK

Paid Roscoe Nowell	\$22.33
Ernest Overlock	14.00
Roscoe Littlefield	3.00
Geo. Bates	7.00
Walter Witherly	2.67
E. W. Bowen	9.33
E. L. Pinkham	6.67
C. E. Goodspeed	6.67
A. E. Overlock	19.33
H. C. Warren	10.66
Geo. Damon	23.15
W. C. Bates	10.70
M. G. Spencer	40.00
T. T. Dunn	25.34
Olin Andrews	10.00
M. J. Prescott	7.00
C. N. Pratt	5.00
M. C. Hunt	1.50
Henry Bryant	5.33

N. Fotis	16.00
P. F. Gordon	4.50
R. H. Patten, services as Road Com.	20.00
A. L. Grant	1.67
M. F. Leathers	5.33
F. L. Frost	15.60

Total winter work	\$292.78
Amount expended by R. H. Patten	\$3,521.26
Amount expended by Selectmen	687.90
Total expenditure	4,209.16
Unexpended balance	\$290.84

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. PATTEN,

Road Commissioner.

SPECIAL RESOLVE—Sweat Hill

Amount raised by the town	\$500.00
Amount received from the State	500.00
Total amount to be expended	\$1,000.00
Paid R. H. Patten	\$72.00
H. A. Robinson	21.66
H. W. Garland	24.00
M. L. Grant	30.00
Clyde Nowell	18.00
K. L. Pomroy	46.66
E. H. Wentworth	27.00
L. T. Overlock	21.00
G. M. Nowell	9.00
G. E. Overlock	18.00

H. J. Bates.....	21.00
W. C. Bates.....	21.00
C. E. Webber.....	42.00
S. B. Pomroy.....	42.00
N. E. Patten.....	15.00
E. L. Clark.....	39.00
E. W. Bowen.....	66.00
E. U. Clark.....	54.00
E. F. Pinkham.....	48.00
Lafe Bartlett.....	36.00
M. G. Spencer.....	42.00
G. E. Goodspeed.....	107.00
E. L. Nowell.....	24.00
L. A. Bowen.....	60.00
C. O. Patten.....	6.50
C. M. Conant, culverts.....	101.16
G. M. Bryant, Blacksmith work....	4.60
Inspection by the State.....	19.84

Total expenditure.....	\$1,036.42
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Over-expended.....	\$36.42
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Res. Sub. R. H. Patten
SMITH ROAD

Appropriated from Treasury.....	\$250.00
Raised by town.....	50.00

Total amount to be expended ...	\$300.00
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Paid Orrin Booker.....	\$9.00
L. T. Overlock.....	9.00
G. E. Overlock.....	9.00
W. H. Garland.....	15.00
W. G. Lindsley.....	12.00
A. T. Booker.....	13.00
E. L. Clark.....	12.00

E. W. Bowen	25.50
E. U. Clark	25.50
C. W. Kimball	20.00
L. A. Bowen	36.60
J. Cookson	37.84
F. Hammond	30.00
Lafe Bartlett	6.00
C. U. Hewes	15.60
R. H. Patten	24.00
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	\$300.04

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Res Sub R. H. Patten,

Paid Nelson Thayer, labor	\$45.00
Irving Nowell, labor	45.00
E. F. Pinkham, labor	36.00
Linwood Overlock, labor	3.00
Nelson Thayer, labor	14.50
Otis Homsted, labor	41.67
Millard Overlock	24.00
Arthur Nowell, labor	27.00
Nelson Thayer, labor	9.00
Kenneth Pomroy, labor	21.00
Walter Pendleton, labor	82.50
G. F. Lawrence, labor	350.00
George Bryant, sharpening drills	4.70
Clyde Nowell, labor	20.50
Kenneth Pomeroy, labor	17.50
Frank Grant, labor	162.00
E. F. Pinkham, labor	10.00
Linwood Bowen, labor	70.00
Edson Wentworth, labor	6.00
E. W. Bowen, labor	95.00
G. F. Lawrence, labor	23.00
George E. Kimball, labor	97.50
Alton Snow, labor	102.00

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Ernest Eckland, labor	12.00
Clarence Homsted, labor	88.00

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STATE AID ROAD

Appropriated by town, section 18	\$533.00
Appropriated by town, Section 21	533.00
Appropriated by town, Section 20	1,066.00
Appropriated by State, Section 21	1,332.50

Jouint Fund.	\$3,464.50
Paid Edson Wentworth, labor	\$27.50
Millard Overlock, labor	21.50
Nelson Thayer, labor	21.50
C. M. Conant Co., culverts	93.75
R. B. Dunning, repairs	7.94
Thompson Imp. Seed Co., repairs	1.17
E. F. Pinkham, labor	36.50
Clyde Nowell, labor	21.50
George Homsted, labor	100.00
Kenneth Pomroy, labor	24.50
Nelson Overlock, labor	24.50
L. W. Lyndsey, labor	39.50
Arthur Nowell, labor	42.50
Bangor Harvester Co., Dynamite and caps	16.75
Millard Overlock, labor	33.00
Kenneth Pomroy, labor	33.00
Clyde Nowell, labor	34.50
Nelson Overlock, labor	46.50
Paid F. B. Small, labor	99.00
Gardner Overlock, labor	109.50
Chester Goodspeed, labor	360.00
Willard Grant, labor	393.00
Irving Nowell, labor	29.50
Otis Homsted, labor	268.33

Arthur Nowell, labor	26.50	
George Homsted, labor	112.50	
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Expended by town	\$3,431.31	
Cost of inspection	23.39	
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Total		\$3,454.70
Leaving an unexpended balance of		\$9.80

Length of road built three thousand, six hundred feet.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. HOMSTED.

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Paid W. E. Nowell, labor	\$29.83
Henry Bryant, labor	20.66
Sumner Pomroy, labor	81.99
F. L. Hammond, labor	106.66
A. R. Casey, labor	90.80
E. U. Clark, labor	44.00
Orin Booker, labor	77.33
H. J. Applebee, labor	99.00
Willard Richardson, labor	36.00
Merton Nowell, labor	46.33
Everson Clark, labor	40.33
Edson Clark, labor	83.33
Ernest G. Light, labor	86.33
A. T. Booker, labor	74.33
C. W. Kimball, labor	245.55
Claton Leathers, labor	108.00
Edwin Smart, gravel	81.60
L. L. Tibbitts, gravel	87.45
W. D. Nowell, labor	243.55

R. T. Luce, services	150.00
Cost of inspection	20.95

Total expenditure	\$1,853.80
Received from State	1,842.33

Over-expended	\$11.47
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Length of Road built, 2,000 ft.

Respectfully submitted,

RAY T. LUCE.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

S. S. COMMITTEE

P. R. Webber.....Term expires March 1, 1927
V. F. Hawes.....Term expires March 1, 1928
A. Linnis Snow.....Term expires March 1, 1929

OFFICERS OF THE ROAD

P. R. Webber, Chairman C. H. Grant, Secretary

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

C. H. Grant

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

G. A. Snow

CALENDAR

Spring term began March 29, 1926, and closed June 18, 1926.

Fall term began September 7, 1926, and closed December 10, 1926.

Winter term began Dec. 27, 1926, and will close March 11, 1927.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the S. S. Committee and Citizens of Hermon:

I hereby submit the following report of your school department for the municipal year, ending March 1, 1927.

STATISTICS

The following statistics have been taken from the state returns of the school year, ending July 1, 1926:

	Boys	Girls	Total
School census	207	172	379
Enrollment for a spring term	149	111	260
By grades for spring term:			
Sub-primary	8	6	14
Grade I	11	20	31
Grade II	15	16	31
Grade III	21	6	27
Grade IV	12	9	21
Grade V	10	6	16
Grade VI	17	9	26
Grade VII	17	6	23
Grade VIII	14	12	26
Grade IX	11	10	21
First year high school	3	9	12
Second year high school	10	2	12
Aggregate attendance			40,070
Number of school maintained			13
Average salary of elementary teachers a week			\$15.50
Average salary of elementary teachers per year			\$558.50

Below is given the grade-age table of the enrollment for the fall term, 1926.

Grade	AGE													Total
	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
I.....	16	19	8	2	1									46
II.....	2	10	8	4	1									25
III.....		1	7	8	3	2								21
IV.....			2	8	12	8	2			1				33
V.....					5	5	4	3						17
VI.....					2	8	2		3	2				17
VI.....						3	7	11	5	1	1			28
VIII.....							5	5	4	5				19
IX.....								4	12	8	3			27
X.....									1	2	5	5	1	14
XI.....										3	1	2		6
Total.....	18	30	25	22	24	26	20	23	25	22	10	7	1	253

Financial Statement

TEACHERS' PAYROLL

Name	Time	Salary
Tena Felker	36 weeks	\$540.00
Rheta Stinson	15 weeks	195.00
Doris Homsted	37 weeks	555.00
Elizabeth Snow	36 weeks	573.00
Verna Kimball	23 weeks	392.00
Marion Greer	19 weeks	361.00
Nina Adams	15 weeks	225.00
Dorothy Robinson	15 weeks	225.00
Lynne Ellingwood	36 weeks	468.00
E. L. Leathers	36 weeks	720.00
Carolyn Hamlin	15 weeks	270.00
Elizabeth McIsaac	15 weeks	255.00
Georgia Nickerson	1 week	19.00
Thelma Spratt	21 weeks	294.00
Ruth Perkins	20 weeks	340.00
Harriett Goodspeed	21 weeks	315.00
Ida Atwood	20 weeks	260.00
Eva Bates	2 weeks	36.00
Helen Smith	19 weeks	342.00
Una Yeaton	21 weeks	315.00
Daisy Ellingwood	13 weeks	247.00
Total for teachers' salaries . . .		\$6,947.00

JANITOR'S PAY ROLL

Name	Time	Amount
Tena Felker	36 weeks	\$18.00
Rheta Stinson	22 weeks	11.00
Fred Emerson	22 weeks	11.00
Lamont Andrews	22 weeks	11.00
Marion Greer	11 weeks	5.50
Payson Patten	36 weeks	18.00
Leslie Dunton	22 weeks	11.00
George Cook	36 weeks	18.00
Walter Warren	22 weeks	11.00
Murray Smith	26 weeks	19.00
Lynne Ellingwood	36 weeks	18.00
Lewis Judkins	16 weeks	8.00
Thelma Spratt	14 weeks	7.00
Carl Hill	4 weeks	2.00
Watson Nowell	10 weeks	3.50
Elizabeth Snow	25 weeks	12.50
Kenneth Hunt	14 weeks	7.00
Lyonis Andrews	14 weeks	7.00
William Ogilvie	14 weeks	7.00
Willis Dunton	14 weeks	7.00
Una Yeaton	14 weeks	7.00
Helen Smith	14 weeks	7.00
E. C. Bragdon, (cleaning)		72.00
Total for janitor service		\$298.50

FUEL ACCOUNT

Gilbert Maloon	\$122.50
Alton Nowell	2.00
E. G. Verrill	45.50
A. W. Robinson	140.00
Chester Goodspeed	32.63

Stanton Andrews . . . . .	.50
Charles Hammond	12.00
Waldo Nowell	70.00
Murray Smith	7.50
George Homsted	76.00
Walter Pendleton	53.00
Thomas Higgins	104.00
J. M. Taylor	46.00
L. Dunton	3.75
A. T. Luce	96.00

Total for fuel	\$811.38
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CONVEYANCE

Paid Clarence Brace	\$90.00
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COMMON SCHOOL TUITION

Paid Bangor School Department	\$20.00
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SUMMARY FOR COMMON SCHOOLS

Receipts

Appropriation made by town	\$4,800.00
State School Fund	2,815.57
Balance from 1925-6	335.29
Equalization Fund	322.00

Total amount available	\$8,272.86
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Expenditures

Teachers' salaries	\$6,947.00
Fuel	811.38
Janitor service	298.50
Transportation	90.00

Common school tuition	20.00	
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Total expenditures		\$8,166.88
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Unexpended balance		\$105.98

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Receipts

Appropriation	\$1,200.00	
State School Fund	300.00	
Unexpended from 1925-6	629.94	
Tuition from Levant	40.00	
Refund from Higgins Classical Institute	15.00	
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Total amount available		\$2,184.94

Expenditures

Alice Sturtevant	\$459.00
F. S. Dole	667.00
Leslie Andrews	22.00
Lamont Andrews	14.00
Black Stream Electric Company	13.00
E. C. Bragdon	10.00
Dillingham's	18.15
Bangor School Department	100.00
Higgins Classical Institute	15.00
Edward E. Babb & Company	3.63
MacMillan Company	13.50
Maine Central Institute	35.00
Brewer School Department	20.00
Hampden Academy	160.00
Ginn & Company	72.28

Charles E. Merrill Company	28.34	
Thurston Hunt	60.00	
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Total expenditures		\$1,711.60
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Unexpended balance		\$473.34

TEXT BOOK ACCOUNT

Appropriation by town	\$300.00
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Expenditures

Ginn & Company	\$114.06	
MacMillan Company	34.82	
D. H. Knowlton & Company	1.50	
Silver, Burdett & Co.	45.25	
Milton Bradley Co.	9.37	
American Book Co.	10.42	
Benj. H. Sanborn Co.	28.70	
John C. Winston Co.	25.48	
Laidlaw Brothers	20.04	
Standard Book Company	7.14	
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Total expenditures		\$296.78
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Unexpended balance		\$3.22

SCHOOL INCIDENTALS

Appropriation by town	\$200.00
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Expenditures

Albion Patten	\$2.00
Herbert L. Palmer	16.43
Newell White	9.30
Merton Nowell	2.00

D. H. Knowlton & Co.	3.08
C. A. Lyon & Company	6.00
Claude Kimball	42.16
Starkey & Toner, Inc.	14.01
Laidlaw Brothers	8.86
J. L. Hammett Company	42.53
Edward E. Babb & Co.	10.30
Fred Bickford	5.00
Oscar Barbour	5.00
C. L. Crosby	2.46
Ellis Bowen	9.00
N. M. Curtis	7.39
Allyn & Bacon	6.94
C. H. Grant	5.00
Andrews Music House	2.50
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Total expenditures	\$199.86
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Unexpended balance	\$.14

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Appropriation by town	\$850.00
Refund by Sears, Roebuck & Co.	10.00
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Total fund	\$860.00

Expenditures

Edson L. Clark	\$32.00
Fred Bickford	109.25
E. R. Overlock	3.00
E. C. Bragdon	80.00
George Gilks	91.65
A. L. Snow	36.64
Morse & Company	119.77
William Snow	9.00

Claude Kimball.	70.00	
Sears, Roebuck & Company.	291.05	
J. R. Manning.	16.80	
R. O. Jacobson.	3.60	
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Total expenditures.		\$862.76
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Overdraft.		\$2.76

Appropriations recommended for the coming year:

Common Schools.	\$5,000.00
High School.	1,400.00
Repairs.	850.00
School Incidentals.	200.00
Textbooks.	300.00

TEACHERS

At the end of the school year in June the following resignations were received and accepted: Miss Rheta Stinson from the Garland Hill school; Miss Marion Greer from the school at Northern Maine Junction; Miss Nina Adams from the Leathers Corner school; Miss Dorothy Robinson from the Burnett school; Miss Elizabeth McIsaac from the Webber school; Mrs. Carolyn Hamlin from the Coldbrook school; and Mrs. Alice Sturtevant from the high school. Mrs. Verna Kimball, the helping teacher, was transferred from the Hermon Corner school to the Junction.

The vacancies, created by resignations and transference, were filled as follows for the fall term; Miss Thelma Spratt of East Corinth, at Garland Hill; Miss Ruth Perkins of Penobscot, at the Corner; Mrs. Harriett Goodspeed of Hermon, at Leathers Corner; Miss Ida Atwood of South Orrington, in the Burnett district; Miss Una Yeaton of Islesboro, in the Webber school; and Mrs. Eva Bates of Hermon, on the Coldbrook Road. Mrs.

Bates resigned at the end of the second week and the vacancy was filled by Miss Helen Smith of Hermon. Mrs. Kimball resigned at the end of the eighth week and her place was taken by Mrs. Daisy Ellingwood of Bangor.

Of the new teachers, Miss Thelma Spratt is a graduate of East Corinth Academy and has had one summer term at Farmington Normal; Miss Ruth Perkins and Miss Una Yeaton are both graduates of Castine Normal; Miss Helen Smith is a graduate of Miss Gilman's Business College and had had three years of successful experience; Mrs. Daisy Ellingwood is a graduate of Hampden Academy and has had several years of successful experience in teaching; Mrs. Harriett Goodspeed has had many years of successful experience in teaching and has had normal training at Farmington; Miss Ida Atwood is a graduate of Bangor High School and has had one term of summer school at Machias Normal.

Teachers reappointed to the same schools are Mrs. Tena Felker at Hermon Pond; Mrs. Elizabeth Snow at North Hermon; Miss Doris Homsted at Reed Hill; Mrs. Lynne Ellingwood in the Light school; and Mr. E. L. Leathers at Snow Corner.

Mrs. Sturtevant, as principal of the high school, was a very efficient teacher of much experience. She was a college graduate and had had summer school work at the University of Maine. Her place is being very ably filled by Mr. F. S. Dole of Brewer, a graduate of the University of Maine. He has had one year of successful experience as principal of Exeter High School.

The work in all the schools is going unusually well. We have a most efficient, conscientious corps of teachers. We should consider ourselves most fortunate, indeed, in this respect. For the school year ending July 1, 1926, in eleven of our twelve elementary schools, the same teacher remained for the entire year. All the teachers are active members of the Maine Teachers Association.

SCHOOLS

Some of our schools are very large. The school at Northern Maine Junction with an enrollment of forty-five pupils and eight grades is more than one teacher should be expected to handle. One can form some conception of the congestion there if he will picture, in his imagination, forty-five children crowded into a small room with hardly enough space to accommodate thirty. Of course, there are not enough seats and desks; moreover, there is no floor space for more. Compare this one-teacher school with the school at Hermon Pond where there are but eight or nine pupils. Are the children at the Junction getting a square deal?

The school at Snow Corner and the one on the Coldbrook Road are still large. The congestion in the latter has been somewhat relieved by transferring some of the pupils from that district to the Webber school. At Snow Corner, the work had been slightly alleviated by sending two pupils from there to the Leathers Corner school.

As above mentioned, the Hermon Pond school has a very small enrollment, eight or nine pupils. Of this number, two are in Grade IX and will, in all probability, be leaving at the end of the present school year. There is also almost a certainty that two others will be in this school the current year only. Obviously, only a few of the present number will remain. Possibly two or three beginners will enter in the fall, but even in this case, there will not be enough pupils to maintain a school of the required average.

The Burnett school, at present, has but eight pupils. However, there seem to be some prospects of its increasing in size during the spring. It had an enrollment of twelve or more in the fall.

The Garland Hill school is maintaining its average now, but only thru the efforts of parents in the district who have the care of non-resident children.

A measure will probably soon be passed by the legislature which will require a minimum school year of thirty-six weeks instead of thirty. This will be done gradually, two weeks being added each year until it reaches the required length. During the past year we have had thirty-six weeks of schools. I feel confident that the tax-payers of Hermon will be gratified to think they were far-sighted enough to increase the length of their school year of their own accord, before such a law made it necessary for them to do so.

TEXTBOOKS

Our textbooks are in an excellent condition. Each year much that is new in supplementary reading is being added. The textbooks, in general, are practically the same as those used in previous years. The loss of the high school books by fire made a large outlay in texts necessary. However, this additional expense has been met largely from the high school fund as this is perfectly legitimate.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance has been seriously handicapped by an epidemic of measles which broke out at the beginning of the winter term. Absence from school for such a cause is, of course, unavoidable and necessarily excusable. Most parents realize the importance of keeping their children in school every day. There are some still, however, who do not appreciate the value of an education. Sometimes, pupils are allowed to stay home on account of a snowstorm and the resultant inaccessability of the roads. These same children may be seen going from one house to another, purposely selecting the deepest drifts thru which to make unnecessary paths. It is needless to say that parents who permit this are not seriously concerned over the future welfare of their children.

To stay out for work is not a legitimate excuse. However badly a child may be needed at home, he can never earn enough to make up for the loss of a day at school.

REPAIRS

Many necessary repairs have been attended to during the year. New seats and desks were installed in the grade building and high school room at the Corner. The interior of the building at Hermon Corner was redecorated.

The building in the Webber district has been, for some years, in a wretched condition. During the summer, long needed repairs were made on the interior, and the outside was painted. The interior is now hardly recognizable. The wood-house now needs to be looked after.

The exterior of the Junction building was given a coat of paint. Small repairs were made where needed.

It looks as if the Light and Garland Hill schools will be continued for another year at least. If they are to be in session next year, and I see no reason why they will not be, the toilets will have to be connected. All toilets must be connected by September, 1927.

Some shingling needs to be done during the coming year.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' AGRICULTURAL CLUBS

Agricultural clubs for boys and girls are now considered of practical and vital importance in educational development of every rural community. The school officials are glad to cooperate in every way possible for whatever makes for greater success in these projects. The report of the local leader, Mrs. Ada F. Leathers, follows:

PROGRESSIVE BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB

Each year more and more publicity is being given to this branch of the Extension Service of the University of Maine.

It has been suggested that a brief space of the school report be used this year to bring more intimately to the town's people the important work of the Boys' and Girls' Agricultural Clubs.

The curriculum of the rural school is already so full that it would not be wise to introduce more; and so in the farming communities the agricultural clubs, under the leadership from the University offers to the boys and girls essential training in farming and home making in an effort to offset the practical industrial training which the more favored pupils in the city schools receive.

The Hermon Progressive Club is one of the oldest in the county and has been carried on year after year thru the earnest efforts of its members. The club of 1926 consisted of seven members in the canning club and two raising chickens. The club finished 100%, that is all the work required was completed, the records of the work were kept and a story of the season's work written; it won its third seal of achievement. The club has not been started for the present year but undoubtedly several boys and girls will wish to take advantage of the work.

In addition to the practical knowledge which the club offers, the local chamber of commerce awards prizes at the various fairs. The State Chamber of Commerce and other organizations make it possible for one hundred and fifty boys and girls of Maine to attend the Eastern States Exposition which is held annually at Springfield, Massachusetts.

The urgent need in Hermon is for competent leaders. It is more desirable, when possible, to have a man to act as leader for the boys' club, and a woman for the girls' club. It is hoped that such leaders may be found for the present year and that many of Hermon's farm children will be able to profit by this course, as well as to share in the good times which are prepared by the county agent, state club leaders and others who have the interest of the boys and girls of the State of Maine at heart.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ADA F. LEATHERS,

Local Leader, for 1926.

HIGH SCHOOL

The high school is moving along very smoothly. It is doubtful if we ever had less friction there. Mr. Dole, the principal, is giving excellent satisfaction to all concerned. Of the number who completed the two year course last June, one, Stacy Miller, is in Bangor High School, one, Hubert Bates, is attending Brewer High School, and four, Leslie Andrews, Harland Leathers, Clarence Robinson, and Ivan Kimball are at Hampden Academy. All are doing satisfactory work.

There are also four other high school pupils, residents of Hermon, for whom tuition is not being paid. We now have thirty-one students in secondary schools, twenty-one taking out two-year course and ten attending school in the neighboring towns. We also have twenty-seven ninth grade pupils who will be entering high school next September.

With the prospect of tuition jumping to \$90. per student per year instead of remaining at \$60.00 as it has been for some time past, it would not seem advisable to discontinue our present high school, if suitable housing conditions can be provided.

Practically all our equipment was lost in the fire. The cost of restocking and repairs amounted to more than \$175.00.

The conditions under which we are now working are far from satisfactory but in our present circumstances, satisfaction is hardly to be expected. Having had experience in such emergencies before, I feel confident that we could have done no better. All can cooperate by trying to help rather than continually offering adverse criticism when they have nothing better to suggest.

If we are to continue the school, it is necessary for us to be agreed on just what we want and work for it. There seems to be, at present, so many different opinions that it looks as if nothing definite would be accomplished.

I here enclose the report of the principal, F. S. Dole.

Report of the Principal of the High School

To the Superintendent of Schools and Superintending School Committee of Hermon:

Following is the report of work in the high school for the fiscal year of 1926, from September 1926. The enrollment by classes as of September 1926, the beginning of the school year is:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Sophomores (1927).....	2	5	7
Freshmen (1928).....	6	10	16
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The high school opened September 7th in the town hall where the room had received a new coat of paint and wallpaper, minor improvements and also new single desks installed. These all tended to make a very suitable class-room. A full schedule of eight periods was arranged at once.

From the start a marked interest was shown by both classes in their work, which of course resulted in an increase in scholarship. A change was made in periods of ranking, from those of six weeks in previous years to quarterly periods.

Due to the special elections as well as the regular elections this year in addition to the regular school holidays of the first term considerable time was lost which decreased amount of work covered.

An attempt to stimulate interest in music and athletics was made but lack of time and materials made it impossible.

On November 17-19 the Otis and Haggerty intelligence tests as given out by the State Department of Education were taken by the freshmen along with other high schools of the state. Results showed the class averaged normal.

November 29th, I visited classes of Hampden Academy and Brewer High School in order to compare work done here with

that of other schools. In both cases I found that ours compared favorably as to quality and quantity and in one instance we were doing better than at Brewer.

Early in the year Mr. Moran representing the Crowell Publishing Company gave an interesting talk on salesmanship and introduced a cooperative business plan whereby the school obtained practical salesmanship, teamwork, as well as half the proceeds, through subscriptions. The students obtained a total of thirty-six subscriptions winning nine Eversharp pencils as awards and netting the school treasury approximately \$18.00.

Those winning Pencils

Fred Emerson	George Homsted Jr.
Mary Grant	Earl Hunt
Veona Cook	Ellen Snow
Floramea Homsted	Ervin Saunders
Vivian Sweetser	

Through the courtesy of the Portland Cement Association a lantern lecture was given on the manufacture and uses of Portland cement.

It is to be regretted that the schoolroom with its complete contents were lost in the fire of February 4th, considering the fine foundation we had for high school work in Hermon.

New texts were ordered to complete the year replacing those lost, with these exceptions:

- 1—"New Plane Geometry" replacing "Plane Geometry"
(Durell-Arnold) (Wentworth-Smith)
- 2—"Elem. Business Training" replacing "Industry and Trade"
(Brewer-Hurlburt) (Bishop-Keller)
- 3—"Composition and Rhetoric" replacing "Enlarged Practice Book"
(Tanner) (Hitchcock)
- 4—"My Community" replacing "Economic Covics"
(Hill) (Hughes)

These texts are more modern and more practical.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Although a great loss in itself, yet only a part of a greater loss, the work of the High School should not be discouraged. Education must go on today as never before, and the two year high school gives a very good foundation for higher education. However, considering the number of graduates now completing their high school course in neighboring schools, and the quality of work being done by them, and also considering the number that would go farther had they the opportunity in this town, I think the town would be justified, and I heartily recommend that it use this opportunity if possible to make foundations for a four year high school. The graduates would then be on a par with any class A high school of the state.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS S. DOLE,

Prin. Hermon High School.

March 1, 1927.

CONCLUSION

- In closing this report, I wish to say the past year has been one of progress, with harmony throughout. Our teachers are strong and efficient, and conscientiously perform whatever duties that are assigned them.

I here desire to thank the members of the S. S. Committee for the loyal and courteous treatment that I have received from them. Certainly no superintendent of schools ever had more courageous or loyal co-workers.

I also wish to express to the other municipal officers, my appreciation for their kindness and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. GRANT,

Supt. of Schools.